

THE ST. LOUIS STORM.

How It Wrought Wreck and Ruin Throughout Two Cities.

IDENTIFIED DEAD NUMBER 194.

The Bodies of Eighty-One Others So Far Remain Unidentified.

SACRED IN BOTH CITIES, 1,500.

Reported Loss of Life at Ligezzetti and Myers—Many Terrible Wrecks.

Condition of Convention Hall—Relief Work Begun.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 28.—The history of the storm's movement last night is quickly told. The day was an oppressive one in the city. There was no wind, and the people suffered from heat. About 10 o'clock in the afternoon the entire western horizon was banked with clouds. These were piled one upon another. A light wind arose up, and, suddenly, a dark cloud came upon the city. This dark cloud increased until the storm broke. It gave the first alarm to thousands of people in the streets, at the pleasure parks, in light craft on the Mississippi, or at work in the great mercantile establishments.

There seemed to be three separate cyclones. They came from the northwest, west, and southwest. When they reached the Mississippi river they had become one.

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Beginning at the western boundary of the scene is the handsome and exclusive residence section, known as Compton Hill, the home of the fourth generation of the early French settlers of St. Louis. This aristocratic home-place is strewn with debris. Just west of Lafayette Park there the trees, shrubbery, fountains, and statuary that have been the pride of the city were caught by the wind and the place is shaven bare as with a giant scythe.

Farther east and south to the city limits were the homes of thrifty German-Americans, who have given a distinct character to the district. To-night thousands of people, like the many of them, were like tombs amid the ruins of their homes. The roofs of their hospitable and more fortunate neighbors. Interested in this latter section and on the east to the river are mills, breweries, and numerous manufacturing plants. The roofs of these buildings were blown off, and the roofs of their hospitable and more fortunate neighbors.

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Governor himself arrived late to-night, and directed the movements of the troops. Prior to his arrival a meeting was held in response to a call hurriedly issued by ex-Governor W. S. Ferman and others, and after a full discussion of the situation it was decided to issue the following appeal, and the Southern Association was requested to give it circulation:

APPEAL FOR AID.

"To the People of the United States: "The city of East St. Louis has been visited by one of the most terrible and destructive tornadoes in the history of the country. At least 200 lives have been lost, while the number of maimed and wounded are unable to estimate yet, but it will probably run into the thousands. The amount of damage to property is very great, and it is impossible at this time to ascertain, but it is safe to say that at least 600 families are rendered homeless. A great number of these must depend on charity for shelter.

"We therefore appeal, exceedingly to call upon the country at large in this extremity, we feel utterly unable to supply the absolute necessities of these afflicted people, although our own citizens are contributing liberally, and, indeed, more liberally than their means allow.

"We therefore appeal, to the generosity of our sister cities and other communities for help in this hour of trouble. We are pleading for aid and contributions and assistance in any form which may be deemed advisable.

"The Executive Committee has appointed as treasurer Paul W. Abbott, president of the First National Bank of this city, to whom all contributions can be sent.

"H. F. BADER, Mayor."

THE EADS BRIDGE.

The Eads bridge is the great railroad highway across the Mississippi from East St. Louis to St. Louis. It was built by the late Captain James B. Eads for the Illinois and St. Louis Bridge Company, and was one of the engineering marvels of the world.

In building it Captain Eads had to solve a number of engineering problems which had never before arisen, both as to the designing of the bridge and in methods of construction.

It is a composite structure of stone and steel, and consists of four stone piers and three arches of cast steel. The center arch is 520 feet long, and the two side arches of 502 feet span each. Besides these parts forming the main structure, there is a 2,000-foot causeway of stone arches which carries the bridge down to the level of the river.

The work of building the bridge was begun in 1867, and it was not until July 4, 1874, that the bridge was opened to traffic. It cost \$2,536,729. At the time of its completion its center arch was the longest metal arch in the world, and it was declared to be the longest bridge in the world.

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TENTS FOR ST. LOUIS.

Resolution Passes Through Congress and Promptly Made a Law.

THE BUTLER ANTI-BOND BILL.

Senator Daniel Concludes His Speech Thereon, Devoting Himself to the Monetary Situation of the Country—Vest Against Paternalism.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—Mr. Butler (Republican), of Missouri, presented the following resolution, to the immediate consideration of which no objection was made:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized to lend to the Mayors of the cities of St. Louis, Mo., East St. Louis, Ill., and the vicinity, under such regulations and restrictions as he may deem proper, a sufficient number of tents to temporarily shelter such citizens of said cities as may have lost their homes by the tornado of yesterday, and to render such other relief in the premises as he may deem necessary.

Mr. Bartholdt stated that, with his colleague, Mr. Hubbard, he had called at the War Department this morning, and had been told that, in addition to the tents, the department, if Congress so authorized, would send to St. Louis eight or ten boats at Jefferson City, engaged for the improvement of the Missouri river.

In view of the great and urgent necessity of the case, he asked prompt action by the House. The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Bartholdt also gave to Representatives Bartholdt and Hubbard to visit St. Louis. Mr. Bartholdt said that his colleague, as a medical man, might be of service to the sufferers, the news received this morning from the scene of the catastrophe being to the effect that the local physicians were unable to promptly attend to the wounded. They left for St. Louis immediately.

SUNDAY CIVIL BILL.

Consideration was then resumed of the conference report upon the sundry civil appropriation bill.

A vigorous fight